## **Guide for Transmission based precautions for COVID-19**

Frequent Hand Hygiene always as per Five Moments Always adhere to Standard Precautions	Surgical mask	P2/N95	Protective eyewear or face shield	Fluid Resistant gown/apron	Gloves
Patients with: No clinical evidence of COVID-19 OR has a negative COVID-19 PCR result		×		As per Standard Precautions	As per Standard Precautions
Patients who are classified as a close contact	×				
Patients with: Confirmed COVID-19 OR Acute respiratory signs and symptoms OR Clinical suspicion of COVID-19 awaiting pathology test results If positive for other respiratory viruses, alternative transmission based precautions may be required. Refer to your facility Transmission Based Precautions Procedure.	×				

P2/N95 masks are required by staff within 1. Emergency Departments 2. COVID ICU Pods 3. Isolation Wards 4. where close contacts are cohorted 5. where COVID cases are cohorted.

Other units may continue with P2/N95 in conjunction with local Infection Management assessment and guidance. Individuals can go up a level of PPE but cannot go down a level.

All other mask requirements: refer to 'Public Health Face Mask Requirements Direction (No. 5)' <u>Face Mask Requirements</u>. September 2022 V4.0 – Approved by Incident Controller Metro North Health

